

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Machinists \(51-4041\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders \(51-4122\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mechanical	6.8	12.2	18.0	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	11.6	12.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	8.0	4.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 70

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation Monitoring	6.6	9.6	12.0	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	8.6	11.1	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Manual Dexterity	6.5	9.7	11.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Control Precision	6.6	9.6	13.3	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	9.6	11.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Auditory Attention	5.9	7.9	8.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Extent Flexibility	4.8	7.9	8.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Reaction Time	4.8	7.3	10.1	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Rate Control	3.8	7.2	8.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 82

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adjust production equipment/machinery setup	25
Examine products or work to verify conformance to specifications	15
Fabricate, assemble, or disassemble manufactured products by hand	11
Install equipment or attachments on machinery or related structures	48
Lay out machining, welding or precision assembly projects	63
Load or unload material or workpiece into machinery	34
Monitor production machinery/equipment operation to detect problems	27
Move or fit heavy objects	8
Operate metal or plastic fabricating equipment/machinery	54
Perform safety inspections in manufacturing or industrial setting	33
Read blueprints	10
Read specifications	23
Read technical drawings	7
Recognize characteristics of metals	62
Set up computer numerical control machines	69
Set up production equipment or machinery	51
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use hand or power tools	2
Use non-destructive test equipment	82
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17
Weld together metal parts, components, or structures	54

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 79

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cutting and crimping and punching tools	3
Face and head protection	7
Forming tools	2
Holding and clamping tools	3
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Length and thickness and distance measuring instruments	2
Lifting equipment and accessories	3
Machine tools	7
Measuring and layout tools	3
Power tools	2
Rough and finishing tools	5
Soldering and brazing and welding machinery and supplies	6
Special tooling fixtures	16
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4
Vision protection and accessories	3

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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